

## History 840—Section 001

### Topics in Historical Demography

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This course will meet in Holton 341 on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:40 p.m. It will be divided into two parts: an initial segment in which participants will discuss a common set of readings and write a first paper explaining how the insights of historical demography can be incorporated into historical narratives; and a second segment in which participants, in consultation with the instructor, will examine the historical demographic literature with regard to a particular place and time and present their findings first orally and then in writing. The instructor's office is in Holton 320 and his office hours are MWF 11:00 and by appointment. He can be reached electronically at [bruf@uwm.edu](mailto:bruf@uwm.edu). Many of the assignments will be available on electronic reserve. All participants will be expected to read all readings but will be scheduled to act as first or second rapporteur on particular papers or chapters.

September 5<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: What is demography? How can it supplement other historical narratives?

September 12<sup>th</sup>

NO CLASS.

Readings: Massimo Livi Bacci, *A Concise History of Population*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Oxford, 2007).

September 19<sup>th</sup>

Robert Houston, *The Population History of Britain and Ireland, 1500-1700* (Basingstoke, 1992) 35-46.

G. Kauffmann *et al.*, "Marriage patterns and change in sub-Saharan Africa," in J. Ebigbola and E. van de Walle, *The Cultural Roots of African Fertility Regimes* (Philadelphia, 1987) 45-76.

R. Shemeikka *et al.*, "Fertility decline in North-Central Namibia: An assessment of fertility in the period 1960-2000 based on parish registers," *Demographic Research* 13, 4 (2005) 83-116.

James Lee and Wang Feng, "Malthusian models and Chinese realities: China's demographic system: 1700-2000," *Population and Development Review* 25, 1 (1999), 33-65.

T. Guinane, "The fertility transition in historical perspective," 2004.  
<<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec13311/001.htm>>.

September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Mortality

Houston, *Population History*, 47-57.

Alfred Perrenoud, "Child mortality in francophone Europe: State of knowledge," in A. Bideau *et al.*, *Infant and Child Mortality in the Past* (Oxford, 1997).

Livi Bacci, "Demographic shocks: The view from history," *Popolazione e storia* 2001,2, 93-114.

James Carey, "Life Span: A conceptual overview," in Carey and Shripad Tuljapurkar, *Life Span: Evolutionary, Ecological and Demographic Perspective*, Supplement to vol. 29, *Population and Development Review* (New York, 2003) 1-18.

Robert Woods and Naomi Williams, "Must the gap widen before it can be narrowed?" *Continuity and Change* 10 (1995), 105-137.

Irma Elo and Greg Drevenstedt, "Cause-specific contributions to black-white differences in male mortality from 1960 to 1995," *Demographic Research* 10, Special Collection 2 (2001), 255-276.

Dominique Waltisperger and France Meslé, "Crise économique et mortalité: Le cas d'Antananarivo 1976-2000," *Population* 60,3 (2005), 243-276.

October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Health and Morbidity

G. Magee, "Disease management in pre-industrial Europe," *European Economic History* 1997, 605-623.

Simon Szreter, "Health, economy, state and society in modern Britain: The long-term perspective," *Hygiea Internationalis* 4, 4 (2004) 205-227.

Anne Løkke, "Did midwives matter, 1787-1845?" in Hilde Sandvik *et al.*, *Pathways of the Past: Essays in Honour of Sølvi Sogner* (Oslo, 2002) 59-72.

Flurin Condrau and Michael Worboys, "Second opinions: Epidemics and infections in nineteenth-century Britain," *Social History of Medicine* 20, 1 (2007), 147-158.

Dora L. Costa, "Changing chronic disease rates and long-term declines in functional limitations among older men," *Demography* 39, 1 (2002), 119-137.

Bruce Fetter, "Health care and social change in the United States: A mixed system, a mixed blessing," *Hygiea Internationalis* 4, 4 (2004) 277-298.

Margaret Keroka and Wellington Wamicha, "Child morbidity and mortality in slum environments along Nairobi River," *East African Social Sciences Review* 19, 1 (2003), 41-57.

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Migration

Houston, *Population History*, 58-65.

Cormac ó Gráda, "Across the briny ocean: Some thoughts on Irish migration to America, 1800-1850," in I. Glaser and L. de Rosa (eds.), *Migration across Time and Nations* (New York, 1986), 79-94.

Mario Sánchez, "Internal migration, return migration, and mortality: Evidence from panel data on Union Army veterans," in Dora Costa (ed.), *Health and Labor Force Participation over the Life Cycle* (Chicago, 2003) 203-229.

Jay Winter, "Migration, war and empire: The British case," *Annales de démographie historique* 2002, 1, 143-160.

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Measurements and Transitions

Houston, *Population History*, 13-34.

Dov Friedlander, "The demographic transition then and now," *Journal of Family History* 35 (1999) 493-533.

Sheila R. Johansson, "Before the health transition: 'Health' and health policy in Victorian England and after," *Annales de démographie historique* 2000, 1, 109-132.

Graziella Caselli *et al.*, "Epidemiologic transition theory exceptions," *Genus* 58, 1 (2002) 9-51.

Joel Cohen, "Population growth and earth's human carrying capacity," *Science* 269 (1995), 341-346.

Joel Cohen, "Hypsographic demography: The distribution of human population by altitude," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 95 (1998) 14009-14.  
Livi-Bacci, *Concise History*, 63-242.

October 24<sup>th</sup>

**FIRST PAPER DUE.**

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Consultations 1

November 7<sup>th</sup>: Consultations 2

November 28<sup>th</sup>: Oral Presentations 1

December 5<sup>th</sup>: Oral Presentations 2

December 12<sup>th</sup>:

**FINAL PAPERS DUE.**